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In re the Application of:

Elkind et al.

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ROBUST INTEGRATED SURFACE PLASMON RESONANCE SENSOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

October 25, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, before line 1, insert - This application claims priority under 35 USC §

119(e)(1) of provisional application numbers 60/258,978 filed 12/29/00.